

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance the case to issue without delay.

Claims 14-16 were considered allowable by the Examiner subject to being rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 13 now incorporates the elements of dependent claim 14, with the latter now being canceled. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter as well as the allowance for claim 17. All other claims have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendment, applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is herewith requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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